

Upset by manner of execution

Wycombe Wanderers 2
Hendon 0

WYCOMBE WANDERERS.
One on the most improved sides in the Isthmian League this season, beat Hendon 2-0 in an evening fixture at Loakes Park last week. Hendon, who suffered a frustrating first half, were not so upset by the defeat as much as by the manner in which it was executed.

Hendon complained that Wycombe's second goal, credited to inside-left Tony Horseman, was punched home in the 65th minute.

Protested

John Swannell, Hendon's normally placid international goal-keeper, raced half the length of the field to register his protest to the referee. But Mr. K. E. Teeves (Oxford) waved Swannell aside and after a brief consultation with a linesman allowed the goal.

"Horseman definitely punched the ball into the net," alleged a bitter Swannell afterwards.

The failure to stamp out the danger of tenacious outside-right Len Worley proved costly to Hendon. Left-back Derek Gamblin, struggling to find form, never mastered the former England international winger, who inspired his team with his magnificent second-half drive.

Hendon frittered away the chance of success in the first half with at least three glaring misses. One was an incredible effort by guilty man Peter Anderson. He brought the ball beautifully under control in front of goal in the 30th minute only to shoot wide.

Short corner

Hendon were standing on their line, protecting their goal from a corner, when the lights were switched on in the 33rd minute. There was a brief hold-up while Wycombe left-back Charlie Gale received repairs for a leg injury before skipper and inside-left Tony Horseman slipped a short corner to Gale. The full back swung the ball into the area and a deflection from a defender was picked up by left-winger Les Merrick, who scored.

Both sides had confident appeals for a penalty rejected. Hendon in the first half when Wilson was tripped on the edge of the Wycombe area and soon after the interval when Worley was hauled down in close proximity to the danger area.

Substitutes were also in action. Wycombe's Lew Temel went on in the second half for Gale and Alfie Moss deputised for Bobby Wilson, who limped off 19 minutes from the end.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell, I. Rundle, C. Gale, J. Lailley, V. Faulkner, D. Thomas, L. Worley, B. Baker, K. Samuels, A. Horseman, L. Merrick. Substitute: L. Temel.
Hendon: J. Swannell, D. Hogwood, D. Gamblin, R. Sleep, R. Poole, R. Halder, M. Cooper, R. Wilson, J. Wilson, B. Davies, P. Anderson. Substitute: A. Moss.